

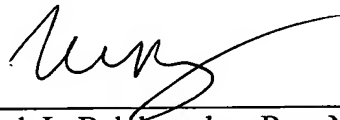
**REMARKS**

Applicants file this continuation application based on co-pending patent application Serial No. 09/830,473, filed April 27, 2001 (the "parent application"), and respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment before beginning examination of the continuation application.

Applicants amend the specification to revise the "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section inserting the proper claim for priority and serial number of the parent application. Additionally, Applicants provide a set of formal drawings for the Official Draftperson's review to replace the set of informal drawings. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Applicants intend to file a second preliminary amendment. Applicants respectfully request that Examiner contact the undersigned prior to examining the case if the second preliminary amendment has not been filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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